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GET INTO THE THICK OF BATTLE WITH...

COMBAT KELLY

"ONCE UPON A BATTLEFIELD..."

THE NIGHT WAS AS BLACK AS THE INSIDES OF A GARAND BARREL! IT WAS STILL AND QUIET... THE KIND OF SILENCE, WHICH IS POSSIBLE ONLY AFTER A BATTLE! THE MUDDY GROUND HAD BEEN KNEADED BY MANY COMBAT BOOTS AND SNEAKERS, AND LOOKED LIKE A CHURNING SEA THAT HAD SUDDENLY FROZEN INTO A DIRTY TANGLE OF WAVES! ON THAT MOTIONLESS OCEAN OF MUD LAY TWO AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN, AS STILL AND SILENT AS THE NIGHT AROUND THEM!

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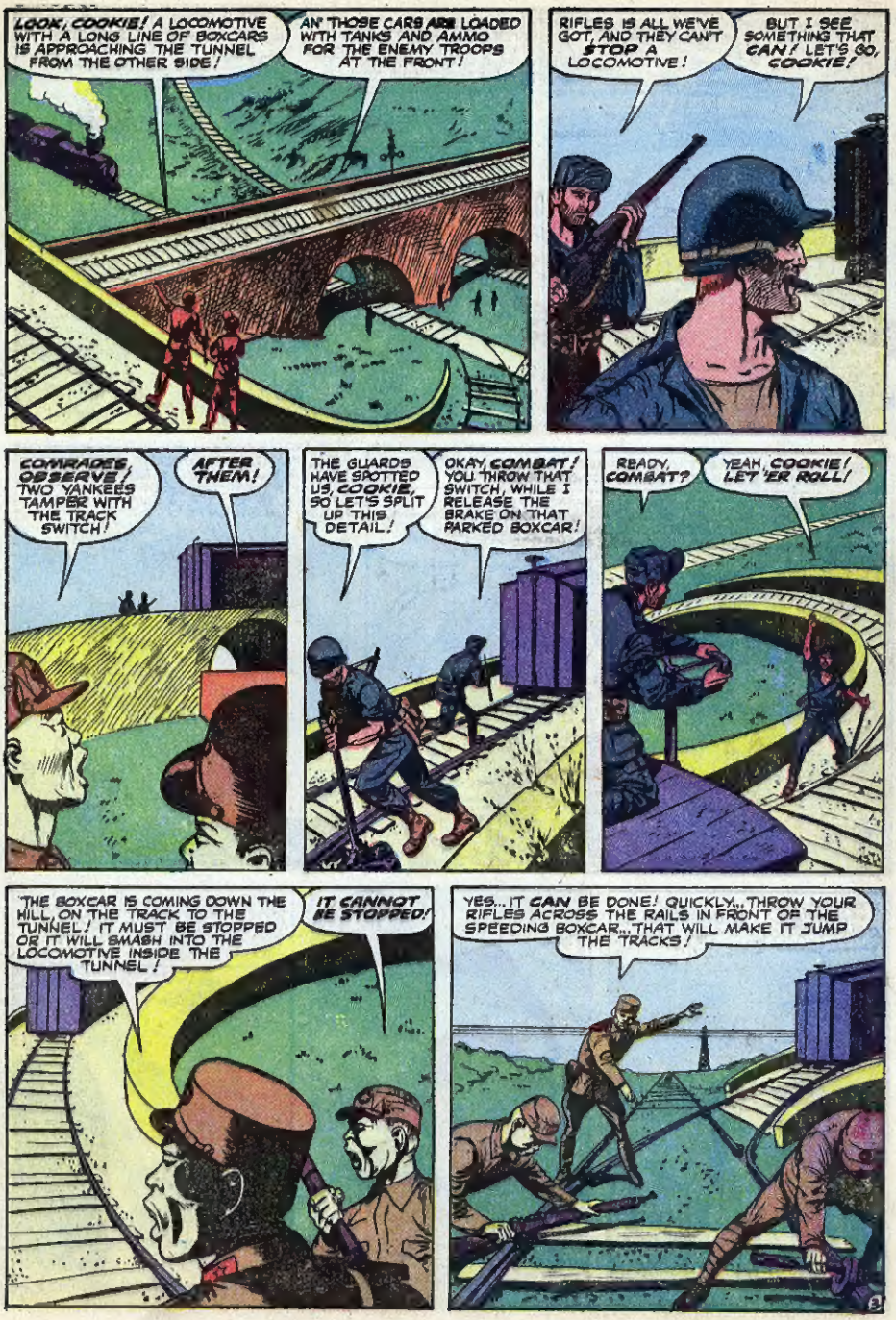
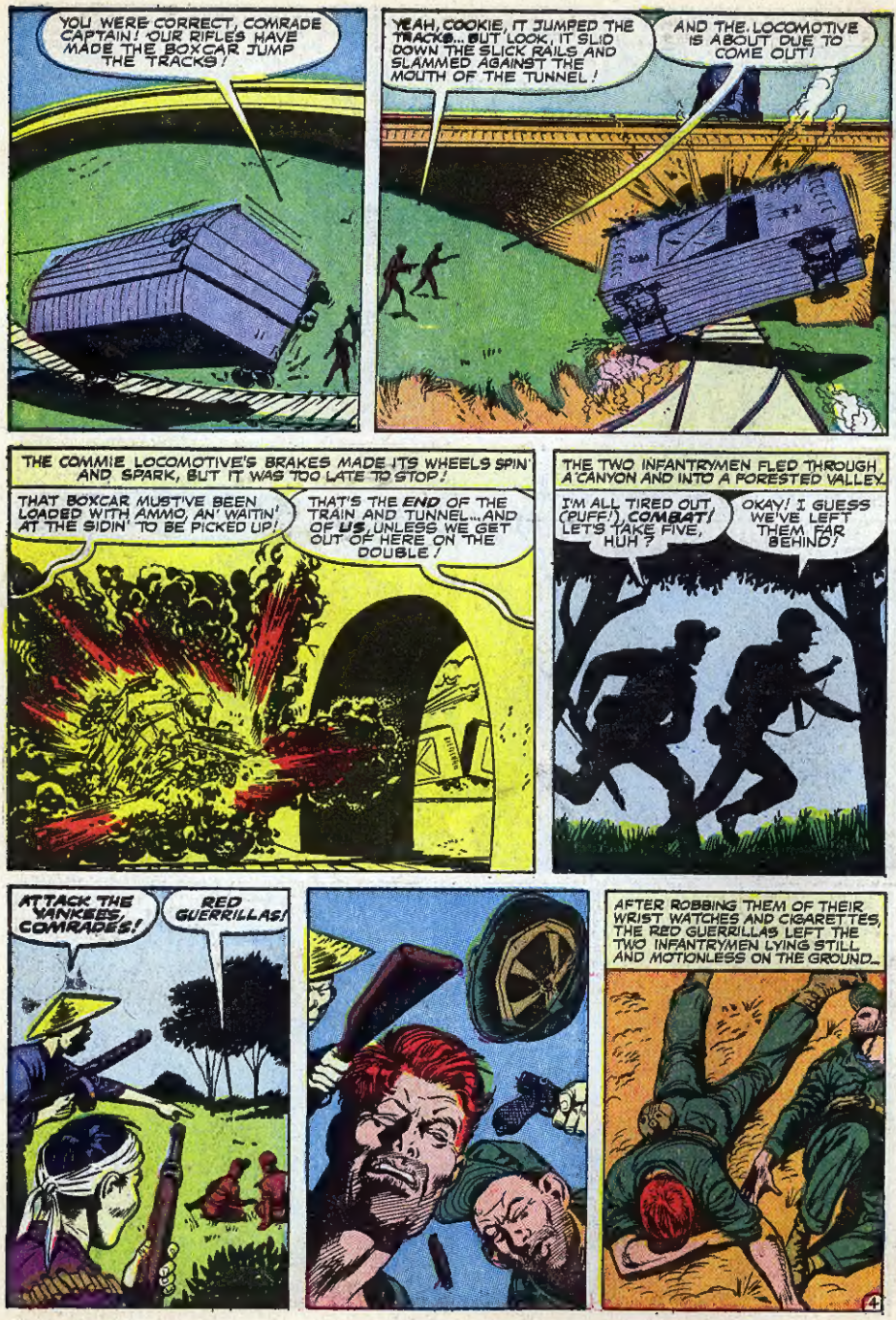
STILL AND QUIET, THEY LAY UPON THAT BATTLEFIELD UNTIL THE DAWN PULLED BACK THE INKY DRAPES OF DARKNESS AND LET IN THE BRILLIANT SUN! THEN THE TWO INFANTRYMEN STIRRED...

THEY WERE DAZED AND PUZZLED AND THEIR HEADS ACHED! THEY WERE CLOSE BUDDIES, YET THEY STARED AT EACH OTHER WITH THE EMPTINESS OF STRANGERS SITTING OPPOSITE EACH OTHER ON A BUS!

THEY REMEMBERED NOTHING OF HOW THEY GOT THERE ON THE BATTLEFIELD! THEY REMEMBERED NOTHING OF THE BATTLE!
MY DOG TAG SAYS MY NAME IS COMBAT KELLY!
AN' I'M COOKIE NOVAK ACCORDING TO MINE!
GLAD TO KNOW YOU, COMBAT!
LIKEWISE, COOKIE!
I'M HUNGRY!
ME, TOO! AND LOOK WHAT I FOUND ON ME... C-RATIONS!
THEY ATE THEIR BEANS AND WASHED THEM DOWN WITH COLD WATER FROM THEIR CANTEENS...
NOW WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO? I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW I GOT THIS BUMP ON MY HEAD, OR WHAT OUTFIT I'M FROM... OR WHERE I AM!
ME, NEITHER! SO LET'S JUST MOVE ALONG UNTIL WE SEE SOMEBODY AND GET SOME INFO!
SO THEY WALKED OVER THE SHELL-SCARRED TERRAIN, LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF LIFE, BUT THERE WASN'T ANY! THE EARTH SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ROBBED EVEN OF THE BIRDS AND INSECTS...
AH, AT LAST, THERE'S SOMEBODY!
YEAH, BUT THEY'VE GOT GUNS... AND THEIR UNIFORMS AREN'T THE SAME AS OURS! SO THEY MUST BE THE ENEMY!
THEY'RE GUARDING THE RAILROAD TUNNEL, SO IT MUST BE MIGHTY IMPORTANT TO THEM!
AND MIGHTY IMPORTANT TO OUR SIDE, IF THE ENEMY DOESN'T HAVE THAT TUNNEL!


LOOK, COOKIE! A LOCOMOTIVE WITH A LONG LINE OF BOXCARS IS APPROACHING THE TUNNEL FROM THE OTHER SIDE!
AN' THOSE CARS ARE LOADED WITH TANKS AND AMMO FOR THE ENEMY TROOPS AT THE FRONT!
RIFLES IS ALL WE'VE GOT, AND THEY CAN'T STOP A LOCOMOTIVE!
BUT I SEE SOMETHING THAT CAN! LET'S GO, COOKIE!
COMRADES OBSERVE! TWO YANKEES TAMPER WITH THE TRACK SWITCH!
AFTER THEM!
THE GUARDS HAVE SPOTTED US, COOKIE, SO LET'S SPLIT UP THIS DETAIL!
OKAY, COMBAT! YOU THROW THAT SWITCH, WHILE I RELEASE THE BRAKE ON THAT PARKED BOXCAR!
READY, COMBAT?
YEAH, COOKIE! LET 'ER ROLL!
THE BOXCAR IS COMING DOWN THE HILL, ON THE TRACK TO THE TUNNEL! IT MUST BE STOPPED OR IT WILL SMASH INTO THE LOCOMOTIVE INSIDE THE TUNNEL!
IT CANNOT BE STOPPED!
YES... IT CAN BE DONE! QUICKLY... THROW YOUR RIFLES ACROSS THE RAILS IN FRONT OF THE SPEEDING BOXCAR... THAT WILL MAKE IT JUMP THE TRACKS!


YOU WERE CORRECT, COMRADE CAPTAIN! OUR RIFLES HAVE MADE THE BOXCAR JUMP THE TRACKS!
YEAH, COOKIE, IT JUMPED THE TRACKS... BUT LOOK, IT SLID DOWN THE SLICK RAILS AND SLAMMED AGAINST THE MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL!
AND THE LOCOMOTIVE IS ABOUT DUE TO COME OUT!
THE COMMIE LOCOMOTIVE'S BRAKES MADE ITS WHEELS SPIN AND SPARK, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO STOP!
THAT BOXCAR MUST'VE BEEN LOADED WITH AMMO, AN' WAITIN' AT THE SIDIN' TO BE PICKED UP!
THAT'S THE END OF THE TRAIN AND TUNNEL...AND OF US, UNLESS WE GET OUT OF HERE ON THE DOUBLE!
THE TWO INFANTRYMEN FLED THROUGH A CANYON AND INTO A FORESTED VALLEY.
I'M ALL TIRED OUT, (PUFF!) COMBAT! LET'S TAKE FIVE, HUH?
OKAY! I GUESS WE'VE LEFT THEM FAR BEHIND!
ATTACK THE YANKEES, COMRADES!
RED GUERRILLAS!
AFTER ROBBING THEM OF THEIR WRIST WATCHES AND CIGARETTES, THE RED GUERRILLAS LEFT THE TWO INFANTRYMEN LYING STILL AND MOTIONLESS ON THE GROUND...
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THE NIGHT CAME AND WATCHED OVER THE TWO STILL FIGURES...
THEN CAME MORNING AND THEY STIRRED...
WOW! WHAT HIT US, COOKIE, PAL?
I DON'T KNOW, COMBAT... BUT I DO REMEMBER WE'VE GOT A MISSION TO ACCOMPUSH!
YEAH! THE CAP'N AND THE COMPANY PULLED AN ATTACK SO WE COULD SNEAK BEHIND THE COMMIE LINES TO TRY AND BLAST AN IMPORTANT TARGET!
BUT WE GOT CAUGHT IN THE BATTLE AND SOMEBODY KONKED US! WE MUST'VE BEEN OUT FOR HOURS, SO WE BETTER HUSTLE TO THAT TARGET AND DO OUR DETAIL!
THE BLOW ON THEIR HEADS HAD BROUGHT BACK THEIR MEMORIES! THEY REMEMBERED EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE THEY HAD BEEN KNOCKED OUT THE FIRST TIME, AND NOTHING AFTER THAT!
THERE'S THE TARGET!
YEAH... ONLY IT ISN'T A TARGET ANY MORE!
SOMEBODY BEAT US TO IT AND BLASTED THE TUNNEL WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BLAST!
I GUESS WE MUST'VE BEEN KNOCKED OUT LONGER THAN WE THINK, AND THE CAP'N SENT SOMEONE ELSE TO DO OUR JOB!
AND THE GUYS WHO DID IT SURE HAD PLENTY OF NERVE AND BRAINS TO PULL OFF THAT MISSION WITH ALL THOSE REDS GUARDING THE PLACE!
YEAH! THEY WEREN'T GOOF-OFFS LIKE US! WE SURE FOULED UP THAT DETAIL!
NO USE CRYIN' ABOUT IT! WE MIGHT AS WELL HEAD BACK TO THE OUTFIT AND GET THE BAWLIN' OUT WE DESERVE, FROM THE CAP'N!
THE END

The New Army

HIRAM JEDBY poked his head out from behind the barn, pausing in his stride toward the milking stalls. From down the road he heard the sound of hoofs. Nearer and nearer they drew, now falling as the rider and his horse dropped with the narrow road, now rising as they topped a slope. Jedby's brow wrinkled with puzzlement for only a moment, then he realized what the quick-thudding sound must mean.

A gleam of light shone suddenly through the trees. Jedby dropped the milking pail and ran toward the road. He had time only to see the rider dash past at breakneck speed, a circle of light whirling around his head. he heard a shout; then the rider was gone.

They were coming, Jedby knew now. He glanced back toward the barns and shrugged. The job could be done by his two sturdy boys and his wife. He had never fought, though he knew well the handling of a gun. Unconsciously, perhaps, as he stood there in the last few moments of the long peace, Hiram Jedby's shoulders straightened and his hand brushed his damp forehead with what was almost a military salute.

War had come.

He acquainted his wife, Sarah, with the news.

"They're after the guns and powder?" she asked, putting down the supper plates.

He nodded grimly.

"They won't get them," he said. "When the boys come in from berrying, have them milk the cows." He went for his gun that rested, barrel up, in a corner of the kitchen.

"Hiram!" Her voice was sharp, strident.

"Well, Sarah?" he asked, putting on his hat.

"You'll be only an undisciplined mob against armed soldiers!" she cried.

"An undisciplined mob," he muttered, and a kind of light came into his eyes. "Yes, maybe. Maybe that's *why* we can win."

"Win?" she asked. "Hiram, don't go."

His voice was strong and steady.

"We'll come back," he said confidently. "We'll all come back!"

"But supper . . ."

"There's a lot of suppers that won't be eaten, tonight," he said, smiling and kissed her. Then he was gone.

He walked down the path to the road. The last of the twilight had faded over, and over the brow of the nearest hill came his two boys carrying buckets of berries. He glanced at them only once, waved a good-bye he knew they couldn't see and turned left down the road. Minutes later he met more men coming from farms and joined them on the way to the meeting house.

An air of great excitement prevailed inside, as armed men shuffled to their seats on the benches. A bearded man stood behind the lectern, waiting for the hubbub to die down. When all was quiet he raised a hand and led them in prayer.

At the end he launched immediately into speech.

"It's come," he said simply. "We know what they want . . . whatever guns and powder we've got, and the whole supply of munitions of war in the armory." He glanced around the hall. "If they capture the war stores we're lost and everything is lost."

A man in the front row of benches rose.

"They're soldiers," he said. "Now *we* have to be soldiers. The trouble is, we've never trained for battle. Maybe we ought to spend the rest of the night training, learning . . . in what few hours we have left . . . to march."

There was a stir of uncertainty. Then Hiram Jedby took the floor.

"There's a war starting," he said. "We have no army to fight now. Soon we'll have one. But . . ." He paused for a moment and then addressed his words to the men in the front row. "What good is learning to march and counter-march going to do against massed ranks of armed men? We're all crack shots. Our best bet is to hide behind trees and fight from cover."

"You'd make cowards of us?" the man addressed asked.

"I'd ask brave men to live, so they can fight another day,"

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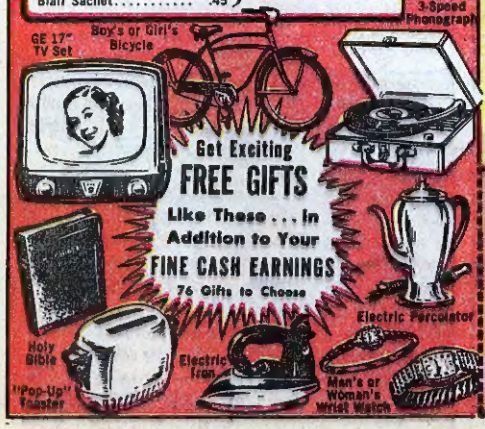

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THE GREATEST INVASION OF ANY WAR WAS BEHIND THE ALLIES IN MARCH 1945, DURING THE **SECOND WORLD WAR**, AND IN FRONT OF THEM WAS THE FLEEING, CRUMBLING NAZI ARMY! THE FIGHTING MEN OF THE FRENCH, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN FORCES HAD ONLY ONE PURPOSE NOW...ONLY ONE MISSION...

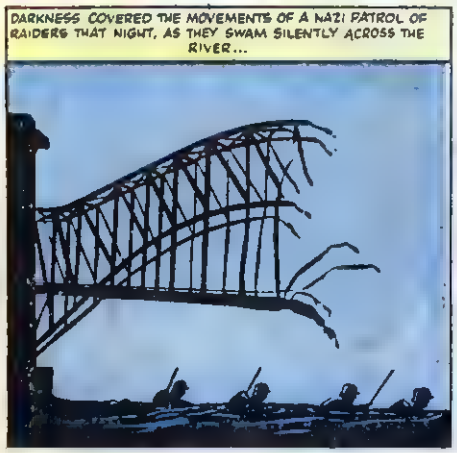
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY THE ENEMY!

THERE GOES THE BRIDGE, CAP'N!
YEAH, COMBAT... AND ALSO OUR CHANCES OF CARRYING OUT OUR OBJECTIVE!
KUBERT
THE ONLY BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER IN THIS SECTOR IS NO MORE, MEIN CAPTAIN!
JA! BLOWING UP THAT BRIDGE SAVED OUR ENTIRE COMPANY! IT STOPPED THE AMERICANS FROM DESTROYING US!

THE NAZIS BUSTED THE BRIDGE, BUT WE'VE GOT ONE ACE-IN-THE-HOLE THEY DIDN'T FIGURE ON!
YOU MEAN OUR ENGINEERS WHO ARE COMIN' UP BEHIND US WITH PONTOON BRIDGE SECTIONS AN' RUBBER INVASION BOATS?

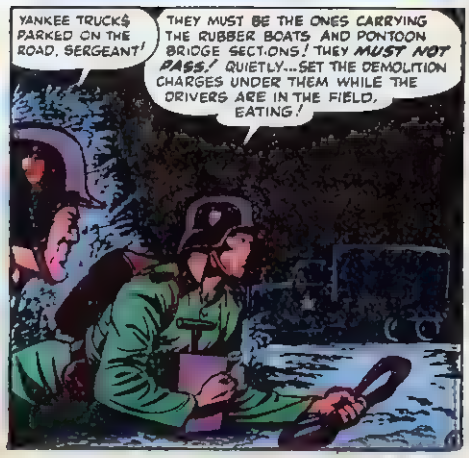
JA, HERR CAPTAIN... THE AMERICANS CAN STILL CROSS THE RIVER IN RUBBER BOATS AND PONTOON BRIDGES, WHICH THEIR ENGINEERS ALWAYS CARRY BEHIND THEM!
THEN THEY MUST NEVER REACH THE AMERICAN COMPANY!

BECAUSE IF WE CAN PREVENT THE YANKS FROM CROSSING THE RIVER FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE ENOUGH MEN AND GUNS TO THIS SECTOR TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK!


DARKNESS COVERED THE MOVEMENTS OF A NAZI PATROL OF RAIDERS THAT NIGHT, AS THEY SWAM SILENTLY ACROSS THE RIVER...

THE INFILTRATORS MADE A WIDE SWEEP AROUND THE BAKER COMPANY POSITION AND HEADED FOR THEIR REAR...

AND ON A ROAD LEADING TO THE FRONT, TRUCKS OF THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS WERE PARKED WHILE THEIR DRIVERS DUG INTO THEIR K-RATIONS...


YANKEE TRUCKS PARKED ON THE ROAD, SERGEANT!
THEY MUST BE THE ONES CARRYING THE RUBBER BOATS AND PONTOON BRIDGE SECTIONS! THEY MUST NOT PASS! QUIETLY... SET THE DEMOLITION CHARGES UNDER THEM WHILE THE DRIVERS ARE IN THE FIELD, EATING!

MOMENTS LATER...
THE ENGINEERS' TRUCKS SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE LONG AGO W.TH THAT STUFF, COMBAT.' HOW ABOUT YOU AND COOKIE SADDLING THE CYCLE AND HEADING DOWN THE ROAD TO SEE IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO 'EM?
OKAY, CAPN'
WE HAVE DESTROYED THE AMERICAN TRUCKS AND THEIR LOADS OF RUBBER BOATS AND PONTOONS, SERGEANT...SO WHY DID YOU SEND ONLY ONE MAN BACK TO REPORT AND WHY DO WE REMAIN?
BECAUSE THERE MAY BE OTHER TRUCKS WITH THE SAME CARGO! WE MUST REMAIN HERE AND SEE THAT THEY DO NOT GET THRU UNTIL OUR CAPTAIN GETS HIS MEN AND GUNS!
A VEHICLE APPROACHES, SERGEANT!
PERHAPS ANOTHER TRUCK!
NEIN! IT IS A MOTORCYCLE WITH TWO AMERICANS FROM THE RIVER POSITION, SEEKING WHAT DELAYS THEIR BOATS AND PONTOONS!
JA!
AND LIKE THEIR BOATS AND PONTOONS...THEY WILL NEVER SEE THE RIVER AGAIN!

IT'S AN AMBUSH, COMBAT!
GARAND 'EM, COOKIE PAL, WHILE I CHARGE IN WITH THE CYCLE!
THIS IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN TALKIN' CONDITION, COMBAT!
WE'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE CAP'N!
JA! WE DESTROYED YOUR RUBBER BOATS AND PONTOONS, SAME AS MY CAPTAIN WILL DESTROY YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE COMPANY, WHEN HE GETS HIS MEN AND GUNS IN A FEW DAYS!
I HATE TO ADMIT IT... BUT HE'S RIGHT! IF THOSE NAZIS GET THEIR REINFORCEMENTS, THEY'LL MAKE A BIG BULGE IN OUR LINE!
CAP'N! SOME OF THE GUYS FOUND A CAVE BACK THERE STACKED WITH GAS AND OIL DRUMS!
THAT WAS OUR SUPPLY DUMP AND REPAIR SHOP, BEFORE WE CROSSED THE RIVER! BUT YOU WILL FIND NOTHING THERE WHICH WILL HELP YOU CROSS!
HE'S WRONG, CAP'N! THIS CAVE IS LOADED WITH A WAY TO GET ACROSS THAT RIVER!
I'M DESPERATE ENOUGH TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GET US AT THOSE NAZIS ON THE OTHER SIDE! SO... HOW?

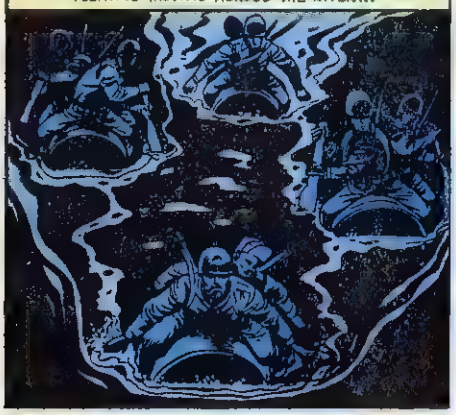
ALL THAT NIGHT, THE DOGGIES WORKED, EMPTYING OUT THE GAS AND OIL DRUMS...

AND ALL THE NEXT DAY, THEY AND THE EMPTY DRUMS WAITED FOR THE NIGHT TO COME...

AND WHEN IT CAME, ***BAKER COMPANY*** WAS READY FOR THE RIVER CROSSING!

OKAY! TWO MEN STRADDLE EACH DRUM AND ***PADDLE*** ACROSS, AS IF IT WERE A BOAT! THERE ARE ENOUGH DRUMS FOR THE ENTIRE COMPANY!

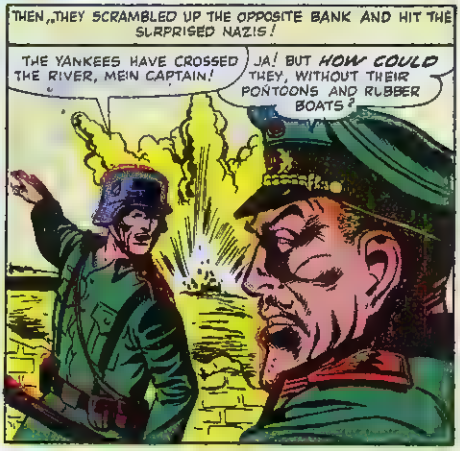
SILENTLY, THRU THE DARK, THE DOGGIES PADDLED THEIR FLOATING MOUNTS ACROSS THE RIVER...



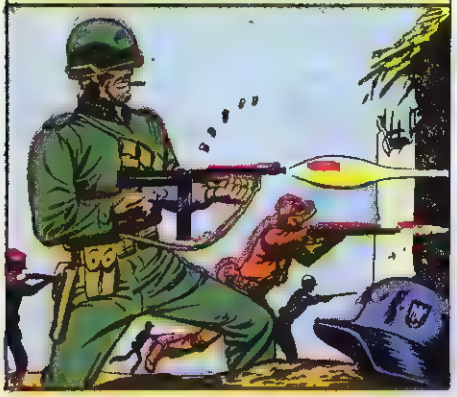
THEN, THEY SCRAMBLED UP THE OPPOSITE BANK AND HIT THE SURPRISED NAZIS!

THE YANKEES HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER, MEIN CAPTAIN!

JA! BUT ***HOW COULD*** THEY, WITHOUT THEIR PONTOONS AND RUBBER BOATS?



BAKER COMPANY HAD NO TIME FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS..THEY ONLY HAD TIME TO CARRY OUT THEIR ***OBJECTIVE: DESTROY THE ENEMY!***



AND LESS THAN TWO MONTHS LATER, HITLER WAS DEAD, THE NAZI ARMY DESTROYED AND GERMANY DEFEATED! THE AMERICAN FLAG REPLACED THE SWASTIKA...A ***TRIBUTE*** TO THE KIND OF FIGHTING MEN THAT ***COMBAT KELLY*** AND ***COOKIE NOVAK*** REPRESENT!

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"SNEAK ATTACK!"

BRITISH PLANES ALWAYS TOOK OFF TO TRY TO ENGAGE THE ZEPPELINS...

BUT BY THE TIME THEY GOT ALOFT, THE KAISER'S GIANT SAUSAGES WERE GONE...

WE CAN NEVER FIND THE BLOKES AND THEIR SHIPS IN THIS DARKNESS!

WE KNOW IT... AND ***THEY*** KNOW IT, MATE! ***THAT'S*** WHY THEY SNEAK IN TO BOMB US ***AT NIGHT!***

AN' AFTER EVERY ZEP RAID, ALLIED AIRFIELDS IN FRANCE WERE ALERTED TO SEND OUT OBSERVATION PLANES TO SEARCH FOR THE DIRIGIBLE STATIONS IN GERMANY...

I DON'T MIND GOING TO LOOK FOR THE BLIMPS, STAN... BUT I ***DO*** MIND THAT OUR OBSERVATION AIRPLANE DOESN'T CARRY BOMBS OR MOUNT A MACHINE GUN, SO ***WHEN*** AND ***IF*** WE DO FIND WHERE THE KAISER HIDES HIS AIRSHIPS, AT LEAST WE COULD ***DO*** SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

WE ***CAN*** DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT... COME BACK AND ***REPORT*** WHAT WE'VE FOUND!

CAN'T YOU GET IT THRU YOUR HELMET, THAT WE'RE ***NOT*** COMBAT FLIERS? OUR JOB IS TO ***FIND*** TARGETS AND REPORT THEM TO AIR CREWS, WHOSE JOB IT ***IS*** TO BOMB AND DOGFIGHT!

WELL, ***I*** WANT TO BE CALLED A "HERO" BUT HOW ***CAN*** I, WHEN THERE'S ***NOTHING*** IN THIS ***OBSERVATION*** AIRPLANE TO SHOOT OFF AT AN ENEMY?

BETTER KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! WE'LL BE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY SOON!

BUT EVERY AIR PATROL CAME BACK WITH THE SAME REPORT THAT STAN AND JOE BROUGHT BACK LATER THAT DAY...

NOT A SIGN OF ANY ZEP STATIONS ANYWHERE, SIR!

THEN THEY MUST HAVE THEM HIDDEN IN ***UNDERGROUND*** HANGARS, WHERE OUR BOMBS COULDN'T HARM THEM, EVEN IF WE ***KNEW*** THE ***ZEPS'*** HIDING PLACES!

SO THEY ***MUST*** BE DESTROYED IN THE ***AIR***... BUT ***HOW***, IF THEY DO ALL THEIR FLYING AND BOMBING ***AT NIGHT?***

THE FLY-GUY WHO COULD'VE GIVEN AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN MADE A GENERAL RIGHT ON THE SPOT! BUT JOE HALL WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY JUST FOR A CHANCE TO BE A HERO...
LOOK AT THOSE COMBAT PILOTS COMING IN FROM BOMBING THE ENEMY... FROM SHOOTING DOWN FOKKERS... FROM DOING THINGS THAT'LL MAKE THEM HEROES! AN' WHAT DO WE DO?
FLY THE DAWN PATROL!
AND TO FLY IT WITH OUR EYES OPEN, WE BETTER GET SOME SLEEP!
YEAH! EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE... MAKES ME ENVY THOSE OTHER GUYS!
WHILE STAN AND JOE SLEPT, THE ENEMY ZEPS WERE OVER LONDON AGAIN, PULLIN' ANOTHER SNEAK ATTACK...
AN' WHEN DAWN CRACKED, STAN AN' JOE TOOK OFF FOR THEIR USUAL DAWN PATROL..
AN' AS USUAL, THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING THAT LOOKED LIKE ZEP STATIONS...
BUT WE'VE FOUND SOMETHING BETTER!
YEAH, JOE!
A WHOLE SKYFUL OF ZEPS... PROBABLY COMING BACK FROM A RAID ON LONDON!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO BE HEROES, STAN!
WE CAN KNOCK THE WHOLE PACK OF 'EM OUT OF THE SKY!
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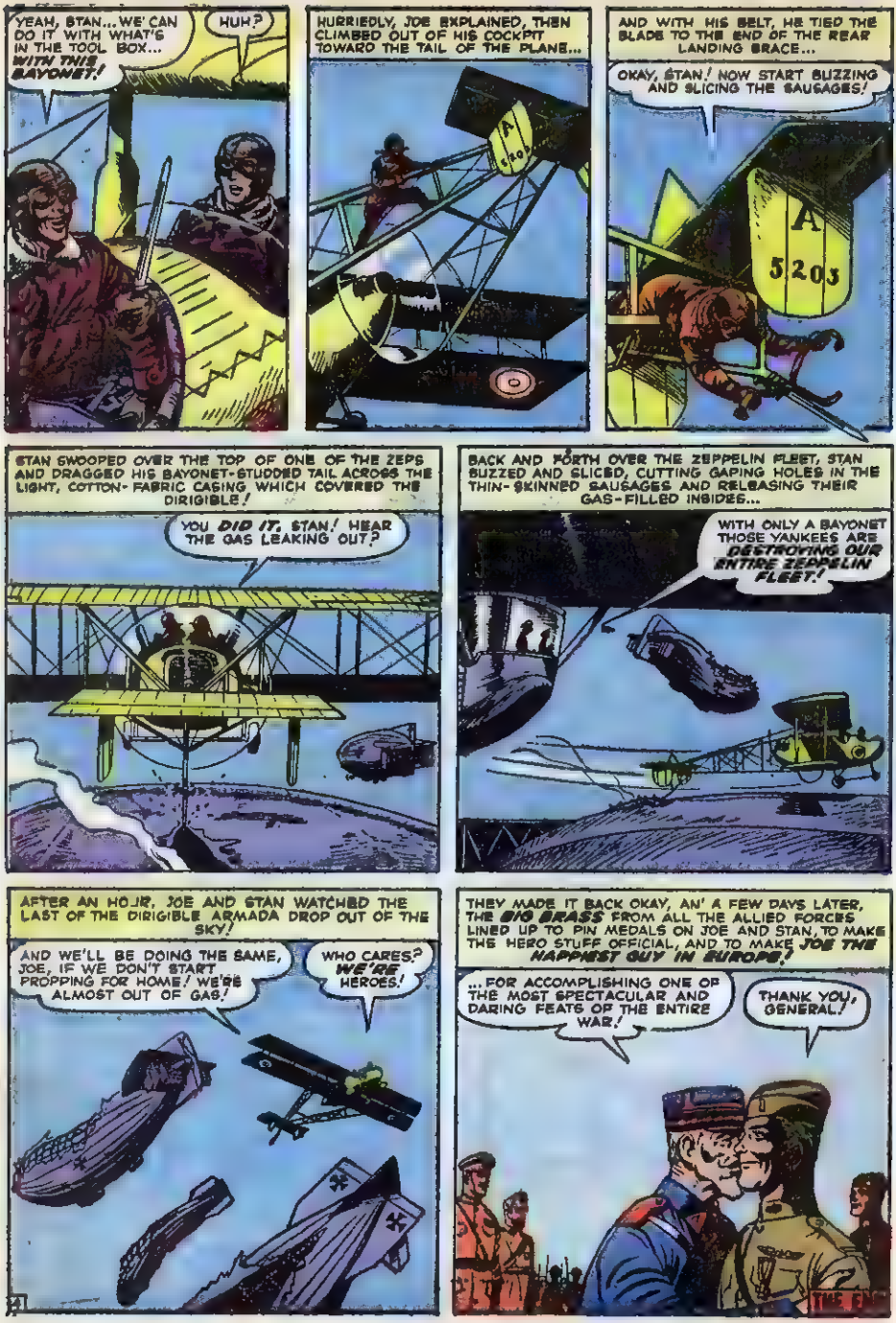
YEAH, STAN... WE CAN DO IT WITH WHAT'S IN THE TOOL BOX... WITH THIS BAYONET!
HUH?
HURRIEDLY, JOE EXPLAINED, THEN CLIMBED OUT OF HIS COCKPIT TOWARD THE TAIL OF THE PLANE...
AND WITH HIS BELT, HE TIED THE BLADE TO THE END OF THE REAR LANDING BRACE...
OKAY, STAN! NOW START BUZZING AND SLICING THE SAUSAGES!
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STAN SWOOPED OVER THE TOP OF ONE OF THE ZEPS AND DRAGGED HIS BAYONET-STUDDED TAIL ACROSS THE LIGHT, COTTON-FABRIC CASING WHICH COVERED THE DIRIGIBLE!
YOU DID IT, STAN! HEAR THE GAS LEAKING OUT?
BACK AND FORTH OVER THE ZEPPELIN FLEET, STAN BUZZED AND SLICED, CUTTING GAPING HOLES IN THE THIN-SKINNED SAUSAGES AND RELEASING THEIR GAS-FILLED INSIDES...
WITH ONLY A BAYONET THOSE YANKEES ARE DESTROYING OUR ENTIRE ZEPPELIN FLEET!
AFTER AN HOUR, JOE AND STAN WATCHED THE LAST OF THE DIRIGIBLE ARMADA DROP OUT OF THE SKY!
AND WE'LL BE DOING THE SAME, JOE, IF WE DON'T START PROPPING FOR HOME! WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF GAS!
WHO CARES? WE'RE HEROES!
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YOU'D THINK ON CHRISTMAS EVE THOSE COMMIES WOULD LAY OFF, HUH, COOKIE?

TO ***THEM***, CHRISTMAS EVE IS JUST ANOTHER DARK NIGHT TO BANZAI, WILLIE! THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS!

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EVERYBODY SHOULD BELIEVE SOMETHING ABOUT CHRISTMAS ...WHETHER IT'S THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM THEY BELIEVE IN OR SANTA CLAUS!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, YANKEES! HERE IS A PRESENT FOR YOU!

AN' THE SAME TO YOU, COMMIE!
BACK HOME, MY MOTHER USED TO LET ME PUT THE BIG STAR ON TOP OF OUR TREE EVERY CHRISTMAS! THEN SHE'D TELL ME THE TRUE STORY AND MEANING OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM!
YOU MEAN HOW IT GUIDED THE THREE WISE MEN TO THE STABLE OF THE INN... AN' ALL THAT STUFF?
YEAH! AND SINCE THEN, THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM HAS BEEN A GUIDING STAR FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE! THAT WHEREVER IT SHINES, LIKE ON TOP OF CHRISTMAS TREES IN HOMES, THAT'S WHERE A PERSON CAN FIND PEACE, SHELTER AND KINDNESS!
SURE WISH A STAR LIKE THAT WOULD DO A LI'L SHININ' ON THOSE REDS!
COOKIE! HOW ABOUT TAKING A PATROL OUT, NOW THAT THE REDS HAVE SNEAKED BACK TO THEIR LINES? FIND OUT HOW STRONG THEY ARE! THEIR ATTACKS MAY BE SHOW-OFF STUFF TO KEEP US THINKING THEY'VE GOT STRENGTH...
RIGHT CAP'N!
AT LAST WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN AWAKENING CURIOSITY IN THE YANKEES! A PATROL COMES TO SPY ON OUR POSITIONS!
WE WILL PERMIT THEM TO GET NEAR ENOUGH TO SEE THAT WE HAVE ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF TROOPS... BUT WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR COMPANY WITH THAT INFORMATION!

LOOK AT THAT, WILLIE! THE REDS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO STOP EVEN A PLATOON!
YEAH, COOKIE, OUR OUTFIT CAN BUST THROUGH...
IF YOUR CAPTAIN KNOWS HOW FEW TROOPS WE HAVE ...BUT HE IS NOT GOING TO FIND OUT!
WE GOT DRAWN INTO A RED TRAP!
WHAT WE GOT INTO, WE CAN GET OUT OF! HIT 'EM, GUYS!
YEAH, MAN!
LET'S SCRAMBLE 'EM...
...AN' SCRAM!
EVERYBODY OKAY? WHERE'S WILLIE?
I DON'T KNOW, COOKIE! BUT WE CAN'T GET BACK TO LOOK, 'CAUSE THAT FIGHT BACK THERE ALERTED A MOB OF THE REDS AND THEY'RE COMIN' AFTER US!

WE MADE IT BACK OKAY AN' GAVE THE CAP'N ALL THE INFO..
BUT WE CAN'T ATTACK UNTIL IT GETS LIGHT, COOKIE! IN THE DARK, THE WHOLE COMPANY MIGHT WALK INTO A RED AMBUSH, THE WAY YOUR PATROL DID!
I ONLY HOPE WILLIE'S OKAY!
OH, MY HEAD! THE BUTT OF THAT RED'S GIMO* MUST'VE BEEN MADE OF CONCRETE! WHERE AM I? WHICH WAY IS BACK TO THE OUTFIT?
*NAME OF COMMIE RIFLE!
IF I GO IN THE WRONG DIRECTION IN THIS DARKNESS, I'LL WALK RIGHT INTO THE REDS! I'VE GOT TO FIND SOMETHING FAMILIAR TO FOLLOW!
THAT BRIGHT STAR! IT REMINDS ME OF THE STAR ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE BACK HOME!
I FEEL AS IF I COULD WALK UP AND TOUCH IT! BUT IT KEEPS MOVING AWAY...AS IF IT WANTED ME TO FOLLOW IT!
I WONDER WHERE IT'S LEADING ME?
HEY, LOOK! THERE'S WILLIE! HE FOUND HIS WAY BACK!
DID YOU HEAR WHAT WILLIE SAID, COOKIE? THAT THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM GUIDED HIM SAFELY BACK HERE! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.. 'CAUSE THERE ISN'T A STAR OUT TONIGHT! IT'S COMPLETELY OVERCAST!
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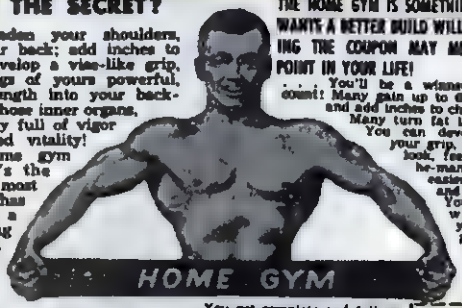

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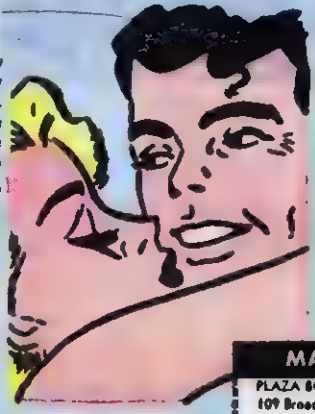

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Jedby replied. "Don't you see, we have two jobs to do. The first is to stop the enemy from taking our war stores. The second is to give time for the rest of the countryside to gather. It would be madness to allow our forces to be lessened in open battle. We have no cannon, only rifles."

There was a murmur of approbation. The man in the front row hesitated, then nodded.

"All right," he said. "It is the sense of the meeting that we follow your plan, but the responsibility for failure rests upon your head, Jedby."

Hiram Jedby said nothing, only muttered a reverent prayer.

The bearded man behind the lectern issued orders. They were to march down the main road to the stream and disperse into the woods on both sides of the bridge. Messengers were sent off to run to villages off the road, villages that had not yet had the chance to be warned.

Then the armed men left the meeting house.

Hiram Jedby and Walt Grantham . . . the one who had opposed Jedby's policy . . . walked along in the same group, through the darkness. Jedby could feel the tension grow as every moment passed. They went past the old church with its white-painted steeple and then at the head of the road, the various groups dispersed to their appointed places. Sentries stood, at length, outside large clumps of trees, behind which the concealed men lay, sleeping by turns.

By dawn the messengers returned with more men from the villages to the north and south. The men joined those already in hiding. Scouts who had been sent out by the bearded leader during the night straggled back to report that the enemy was marching up the road only ten miles away, in full battle array, drums and fifes playing, and shouting loudly they would have the stores from the armory before nightfall.

A close watch was kept upon the road leading to the bridge.

Near nine o'clock the last scouts came in. Th enemy had received even more reinforcements along their line of supply and communication, and from garrisons and guard points along the main road.

It was nearing noon when the sound of drums was heard, and then the high, piercing notes of fifes.

As he crouched behind a tree, near Hiram Jedby, Walt Grant-

ham clutched his rifle tighter.

"Aye, they're coming," he said. "What can we do, against trained soldiers?"

Jedby glanced at him sharply.

"We can defeat them," he said, and stood up. "'Tis time, Grantham, for here they come!"

A calm silence, broken only by music and the tramp of the approaching troops prevaded the woods. Heads peeped out as the first of the ranks came marching over the brow of the hill and started down toward the bridge, led by a Colonel on horseback.

"They do not know we are here," Jedby said triumphantly.

A rifle cracked. Instantly the armed troops stiffened, rifles snapping down into firing position. The Colonel raised his sword and rose stiff-legged in his stirrups in the saddle.

"Advance and fire on the rebels!" he shouted.

Firing wildly at half-seen figures in the foliage, the troops ran forward at the double, still in perfect formation. The first of them reached the bridge, set foot upon it with triumphant shouts.

Then, all along the line of march broke blast after blast of rifle fire. From the silent forest erupted a hurricane of steel and powder. For only a moment the proud, haughty British troops from Boston stood firm and then their ranks broke. In full retreat they turned in a wild route and swept back along the road away from Lexington, harried on all sides even as they ran.

"You were right!" Walt Grantham shouted to Hiram Jedby as both men hurtled onto the bridge, joining the pursuit. "Our attack from cover has set them on the run!"

"Aye," Hiram replied humbly. And then his eyes flashed as he glanced at the bright waters of the stream. "'Tis a place history will never forget!"

Shots died away in the distance as the farmers slipped through the trees on both sides of the road after the redcoats. Beneath the bridge the stream rippled on, destined, one day, to be celebrated as the place where freedom was born and tyranny trembled . . .

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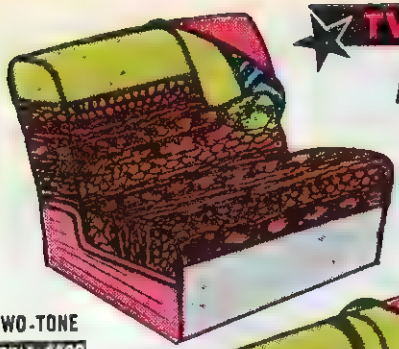

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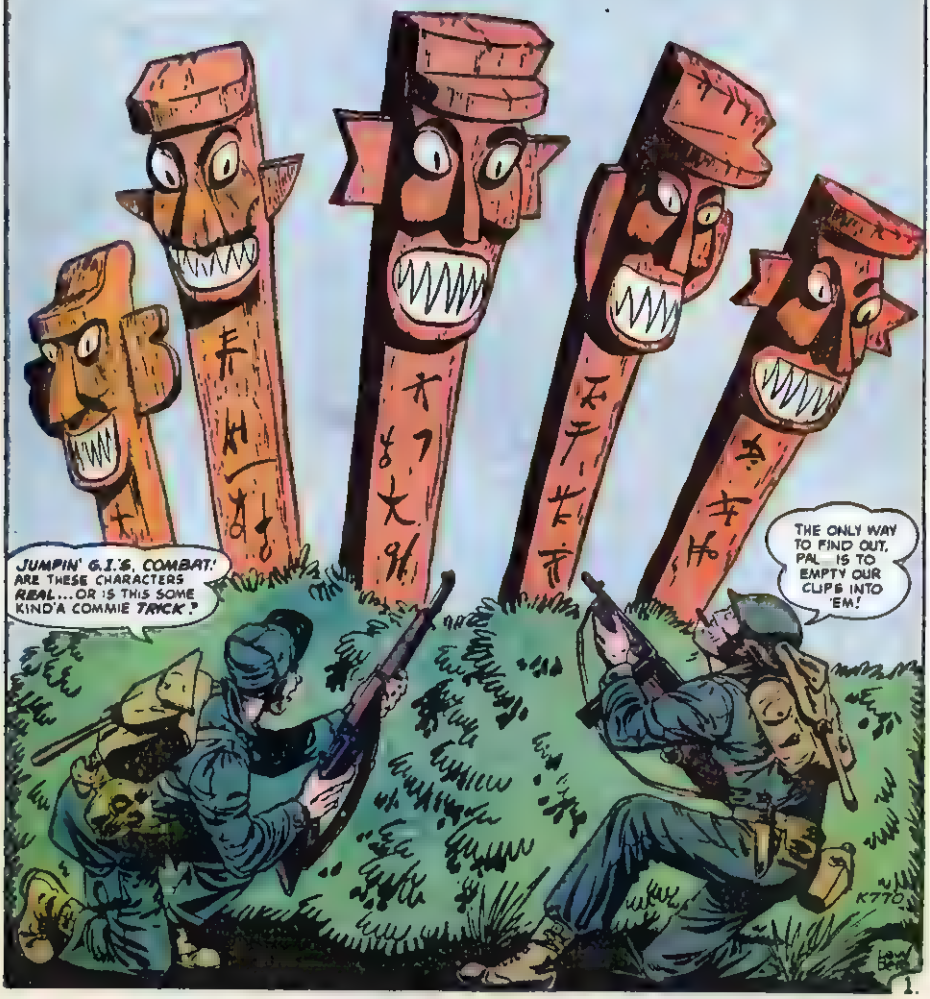
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NO! STOP, AMERICANS!
WHAT'S UP, COMBAT? TROUBLE?
I DON'T KNOW, MAJOR THORN! COOKIE AN' ME RAN INTO THESE THINGS AND WERE ABOUT TO BLAST 'EM, WHEN THIS KOREAN CIVILIAN STOPPED US!
I WILL EXPLAIN, MAJOR-SAN! THESE ARE DEVIL POSTS! WE KOREANS PUT THEM UP AT THE ENTRANCE TO OUR VILLAGES TO FRIGHTEN AWAY ALL EVIL THINGS, SAME AS YOUR WEAPONS MAKE THE COMMUNISTS FLEE TO THE NORTH!
YEAH? WELL WHEN IT COMES TO COMMIES, I'LL STICK TO MY TOMMY GUN!
EACH OF US MUST HAVE FAITH IN SOMETHING! YOU IN YOUR WEAPON ... AND I IN MY DEVIL POSTS!
NOW PLEASE ENTER OUR VILLAGE AND SHARE OUR RICE AND TEA!
THANKS, BUT WE'RE ONLY PASSING THROUGH! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THE REDS ON THE RUN!
CAN YOU IMAGINE, IN THIS DAY AN' AGE, PEOPLE BELIEVING THAT WOODEN SCARECROWS LIKE THOSE CAN PROTECT THEM?
YEAH! SOUNDS FUNNY, DOESN'T IT?

AS THE REDS RETREATED NORTHWARD, THEY RAIDED AND LOOTED THE KOREAN FARMS AND VILLAGES! ANYTHING THAT WASN'T NAILED DOWN, THE COMMIES TRIED TO TAKE WITH THEM.
PLEASE HAVE MERCY! TAKE EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT LEAVE THE COW THAT GIVES MILK FOR THE CHILDREN!
WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN EVERYTHING ELSE, WOMAN!
YANKEES! FORGET ABOUT THE ANIMALS, CHUNG, AND THINK OF YOURSELF! RUN!
A THOUSAND THANKS IS ALL THE REWARD I CAN GIVE YOU, AMERICANS, FOR SAVING OUR COW!
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH, LADY! SO LONG...WE'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING AFTER THOSE REDS!
MORE OF THOSE DEVIL POSTS. COMBAT!
YEAH! LIKE THE OLD MAN TOLD US, THEY'RE AT THE ENTRANCE OF EVERY VILLAGE!
A KISS BEFORE I DEPART TO CATCH UP WITH MY COMPANY!
LET GO OF ME, COMMUNIST BEAST!
IF IT'S A GOOD-BYE KISS YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR, COMMIE, YOU'VE GOT IT!
WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT FOR FREEING US FROM THE ENEMY, AMERICANS! MAY GOOD FORTUNE GUIDE YOU IN YOUR PURSUIT OF THE COMMUNIST ARMY!
THANKS, FOLKS!
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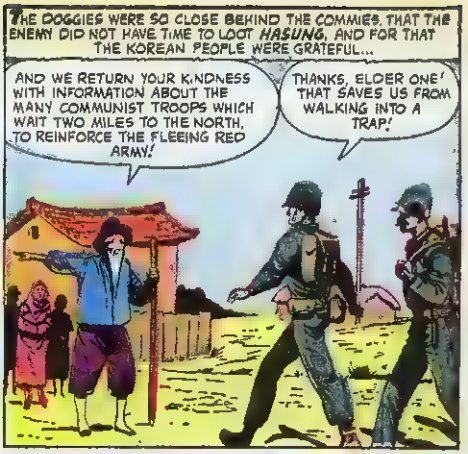
AS BAKER COMPANY CHASED AFTER THE REDS, THEY WERE ABLE MANY TIMES TO SAVE KOREAN SHRINES, CROPS AND OTHER POSSESSIONS FROM THE RAIDING REDS...
BUT WE WILL NOT RETREAT FARTHER THAN TWO MILES BEYOND THE NEXT VILLAGE OF HASUNG... BECAUSE HEADQUARTERS HAS PROMISED THAT MANY NEW TROOPS WILL BE ADDED TO MY COMMAND!
THEN IT WILL BE US WHO WILL DO THE PURSUING, COMRADE COLONEL!


THE DOGGIES WERE SO CLOSE BEHIND THE COMMIES, THAT THE ENEMY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO LOOT HASUNG, AND FOR THAT THE KOREAN PEOPLE WERE GRATEFUL...
AND WE RETURN YOUR KINDNESS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MANY COMMUNIST TROOPS WHICH WAIT TWO MILES TO THE NORTH, TO REINFORCE THE FLEEING RED ARMY!
THANKS, ELDER ONE! THAT SAVES US FROM WALKING INTO A TRAP!

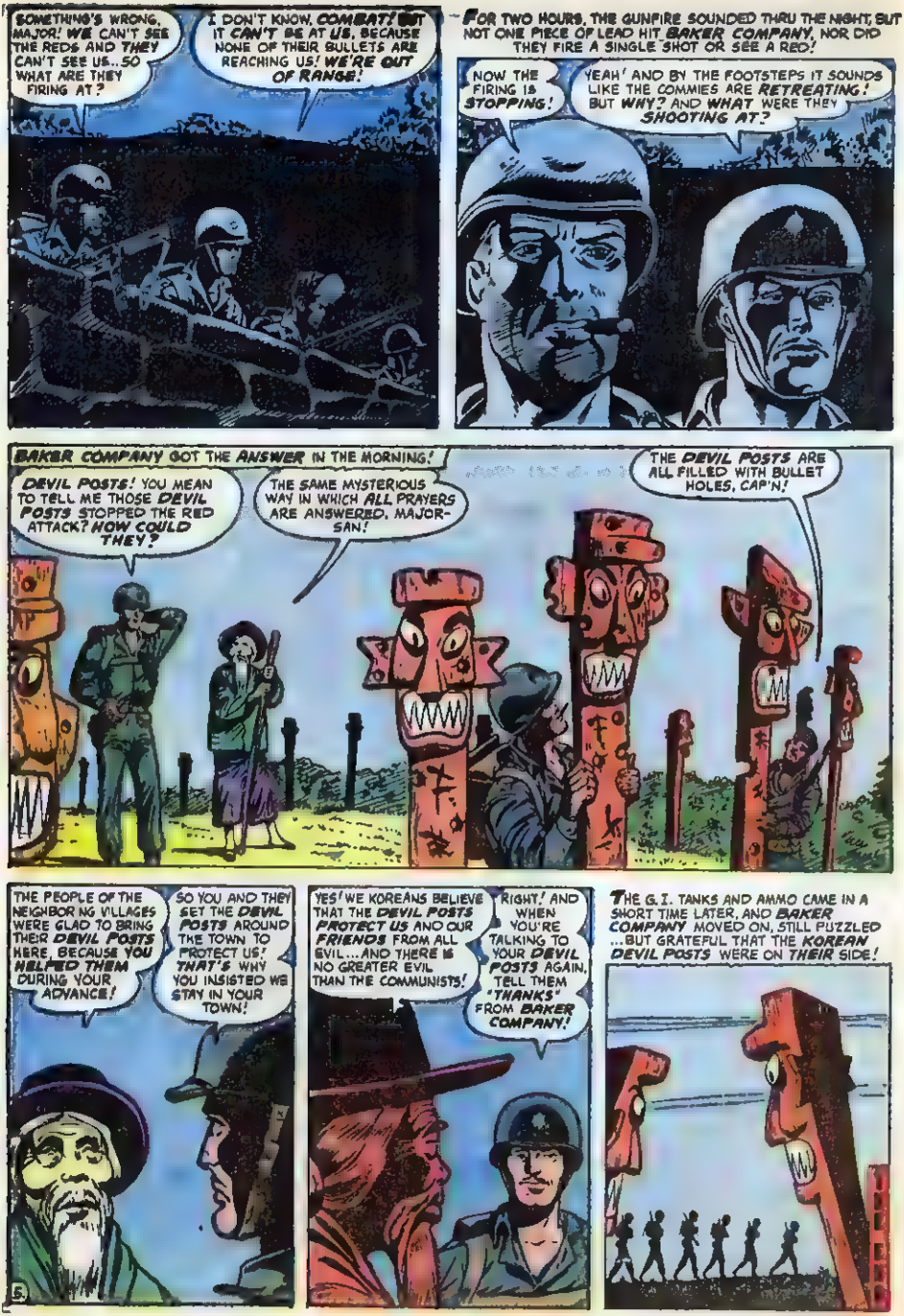
WE'LL HOLE UP OUTSIDE THE TOWN, COMBAT, SO IT WON'T BE A BATTLE-GROUND IF THE REDS SHOULD ATTACK BEFORE OUR TANKS AND AMMO SUPPLY CATCHES UP WITH US!
IF THEY DON'T BEFORE THOSE REINFORCED REDS HEAVE THEIR BANZAI IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH!

YOU AMERICANS SAVED THE TOWN... NOW PLEASE REMAIN IN IT! IT OFFERS A BETTER DEFENSE AND WE KOREANS WILL ALSO HELP AGAINST THE ENEMY!

THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU OLD FOLKS CAN DO, BUT THANKS FOR LETTING US STAY IN THE TOWN!
AND YOU OLD FOLKS BETTER KEEP OUT OF SIGHT!

FAR INTO THE NIGHT, BAKER COMPANY WAITED! THEY HOPED THE REDS WOULDN'T ATTACK! THEY HOPED THE G.I. TANKS AND AMMO WOULD COME...
LOOKS LIKE WE LOSE BOTH WAYS, MAJOR! OUR TANKS AREN'T HERE YET...
AND HERE COME THE REDS! I CAN HEAR 'EM YELLIN'!

BANZAI!


SOMETHING'S WRONG, MAJOR! WE CAN'T SEE THE REDS AND THEY CAN'T SEE US..SO WHAT ARE THEY FIRING AT?
I DON'T KNOW, COMBAT! BUT IT CAN'T BE AT US, BECAUSE NONE OF THEIR BULLETS ARE REACHING US! WE'RE OUT OF RANGE!
FOR TWO HOURS, THE GUNFIRE SOUNDED THRU THE NIGHT, BUT NOT ONE PIECE OF LEAD HIT BAKER COMPANY, NOR DID THEY FIRE A SINGLE SHOT OR SEE A RED!
NOW THE FIRING IS STOPPING!
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DEVIL POSTS! YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THOSE DEVIL POSTS STOPPED THE RED ATTACK? HOW COULD THEY?
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SO YOU AND THEY SET THE DEVIL POSTS AROUND THE TOWN TO PROTECT US! THAT'S WHY YOU INSISTED WE STAY IN YOUR TOWN!
YES! WE KOREANS BELIEVE THAT THE DEVIL POSTS PROTECT US AND OUR FRIENDS FROM ALL EVIL...AND THERE IS NO GREATER EVIL THAN THE COMMUNISTS!
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